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be eligible if there isn't any money, and Alliance was told, wait, we have something more critical to do, that is close other landfills. We need to...in some respects I think they were also advised that they needed to determine the extent of the issues with their landfill and, quite frankly, now they're wondering why they were good soldiers, and so am I. I'm not sure this is wise.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham, your light is on next. He waives off. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's new information to me, Senator Wickersham. I will check into that before Final Reading if that becomes an issue. Other than that, this...the bill is important so Nebraska can move ahead and finance this defense of our lawsuit. No matter how we look at it, this is going to be problematical. We're spending quite a bit of money on defense, even if we win, and if we lose, obviously, the implications are great. At this stage, I am not clear what else we can do about that, but obviously we can have more discussion if...if there are questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. Question before the body is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor of advancement say aye. Those opposed say nay. It advances. We next move to General File, LB 185. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 185, a bill originally introduced by Senator Don Pederson and others. A bill for an act relating to railroads, requires a minimum number of persons for a train crew and provides penalties. Bill was reported to General File by the Business and Labor Committee. Mr. President, yesterday the committee amendments were offered. Senator Don Pederson had pending to the committee amendments an amendment, AM2650, Mr. President, as an amendment to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 588.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Don Pederson, could you just give us a brief overview of what the amendment is before we start debate. Thank you.